

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-7, 9-37, and 39-107 are pending in this application, of which claims 1-7, 10-29, 53, 54, 60, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, and 72-106 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 9, 30-37, 39-52, 55, 59, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 71, and 107 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson (U.S. Application No. 2001/0018739), Ginter (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,140), and Bocinsky (U.S. Patent No. 5,371,797).

Claim 107 is independent.

II. Rejection of Independent Claim 107

The Office Action rejects independent claim 107 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Ginter and Bocinsky.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 7,120,606.

The claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,120,606, including claim 38 of U.S. Patent No. 7,120,606, were found to be allowable over Anderson, Ginter, and Bocinsky.

At least as claim 107 of the present application sets forth all elements of claim 38 of U.S. Patent No. 7,120,606, Applicants believe claim 107 of the present application to be in condition for allowance.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 107 and those claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance.

III. Dependent Claims

Applicants do not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3892-4002.

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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